

From: Richard Winkler
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/27/02 1:37am
Subject: RE: microsoft settlement

The excellent e-mail below was sent to you by my sister, and I am writing to you to second everything she says and to ask you to stop being so dishonest and to Laissez-Nous Faire (Let us alone).

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Re: Microsoft settlement

I am writing regarding the persecution of Microsoft to let you know how I think and feel about this dastardly affair. I resent the government's implication that I am a helpless victim because I choose to buy a computer with Microsoft software already loaded. I resent the arrogance on the government's part thinking that it can decide what is to be on my computer. This is ridiculous. That is not the government's job. Your job is to protect the citizenry from events such as September 11. Why aren't you persecuting that whole affair more vigorously? Why aren't you going after Iran, Iraq? This is how you choose to spend taxpayer money by persecuting an American company?

I cannot remember having instigated a complaint against Microsoft, nor do I recall any other individual doing so. This whole affair has been instigated by competitors who are unable to compete in the free market! Failed business should not be the ones to set the rules for the very markets in which they failed.

The government's application of the corrupt and dangerous antitrust laws against successful businessmen is anti-American and can only result in greater corruption in our society as businessmen find it ever more necessary to kowtow to politicians.

Microsoft and its owners have a right to the fruits of their labor - their property - and it is the government's job to protect this right not take it away. The government's actions are on principle anti-American and unconstitutional.

America is a land open to all who want to dream and work hard to see their dreams come true. If the government throttles success based on the envy and dishonesty of the few then there is no hope left in the world.

The antitrust laws are fraudulent and should be repealed. And by the way I love Microsoft products and not having to load software and not having to pay for a browser!

Sincerely,

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